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DATE: April 3, 2014

FROM: Division of EMS and Trauma

TO: All ambulance services, squad leaders

RE: North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Fund

On June 30, 2012, North Dakota Century Code 23-46 charged the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH), through the Division of EMS and Trauma (DEMST) and the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC), with administering the *North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Fund*. The fund is currently in its third year of providing grants to rural EMS agencies. A copy of N.D.C.C. 23-46 is included as Appendix A in the *North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Fund Grant Guidance*.

2014 Rural EMS Assistance Fund Grant Time-Line

- Application completion time: **4/3/2014 – 6/6/2014.**
- **Application submission deadline: Delivered to DEMST or postmarked by 5 p.m. on June 6, 2014.**
- Scoring period: **6/7/2014 – 6/30/2014**
- Awards made: **7/1/2014**
- Grant period: **7/1/2014 – 6/30/2015**

The following documents are included in this packet and are available on our website:

- *North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Fund Grant Guidance*
- *North Dakota Rural EMS Assistance Fund Grant Application*
- *Volunteer Ambulance Service Sustainability: A Self-Assessment Tool*

In order to improve the grant application process, the following changes have been made to this grant cycle.

1. Funding areas will have more time to complete the application process;
2. The grant guidance document fully explains the application as well as the scoring levels;
3. Efforts will be made to improve and increase communications between DEMST and applying funding areas.

In addition, DEMST is available for assistance with the grant process. Our contact information is on the website (www.ndhealth.gov/ems). Please read through the application and guidance thoroughly and contact our office with any questions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Working together on a project like this can help shape the future for EMS in North Dakota!